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In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56 and § 1.97(b),  
Applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the  
references listed below.

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Copies of the non-USP references are submitted  
herewith along with Form PTO-1449.

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

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